



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
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MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION
March 12, 2008

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack
Mr. Robert Goff
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom
Dr. Patrick Malone
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon
Dr. Ronald Onorato
Mr. George Johnson, Statewide Planning representing Kevin Flynn, Asso. Dir
Mr. Jean Rondeau
Mr. Frederick C. Williamson, Chairman & SHPO

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Pamela Kennedy, Deputy Director
Ms. Mercedes Monteiro, Heritage Aide
Dr. Paul Robinson, Principal Archaeologist
Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Mr. Wm. McKenzie Woodward, Principal Architectural Historian
Ms. Sarah Zurier, Sr. Special Projects Coordinator

GUESTS

Mr. Michael Hogan, House Policy Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Joseph Dias, representing Dr. Michael Sullivan, Director DEM
Dr. James Garman, NR Review Board
Ms. Patrice O'Malley Hagan
Mr. Saul Kaplan, Executive Director, EDC
John P. Leyden, State Building Commissioner
Dr. Patricia Rubertone

II. AGENDA**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M.

2. Minutes of January 9, 2008 meeting

On a motion by Dr. Malone, seconded by Dr. Morenon, the Commission

VOTED unanimously to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2008.

3. Executive Director's Report

a) Mr. Sanderson reported on the circumstances that led to the demolition of the historic Providence Fruit and Produce Warehouse on Harris Avenue. In spite of a State petition for a temporary restraining order by Superior Court, a City of Providence demolition order was carried out. The property was transferred by the RIDOT to Carpionato Properties a year ago with the requirement that the building be rehabilitated subject to RIHPHC review and approval.

b) Mr. Sanderson reported on the current status of the Commission's State FY 2009 budget request and on proposals to amend the RI Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit.

4. 2008 Certified Local Government Grants

Ms. Kennedy presented the 2008 CLG grant applications. Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Goff, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the following 2008 CLG grants:

5. 2008 State Preservation Awards

Mr. Woodward presented nominations for the 2008 State Preservation Awards. Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Hoogeboom, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the following 2008 State Preservation Awards:

JOHN H. CHAFEE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Grow Smart/RI

FREDERICK C. WILLIAMSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Cornelis de Boer

ANTOINETTE F. DOWNING VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Deming Sherman

STWEARDSHIP AWARD

Champlin Foundation

Newport Restoration Foundation

PRESERVATION PROJECTS

Cumberland Town Hall

Dorsheimer-Busk-Wrentham House, 325 Ocean Avenue, Newport

AS220 at the Dreyfus, 121 Washington Street, Providence

Church of the Assumption, 791 Potters Avenue, Providence

Hope Street School, Woonsocket

Rosedale Landing, 1180 Narragansett Boulevard, Cranston

Mill Initiative

City Arts/CVS Highlander, Broad Street, Providence

Monohasset Mill, Kinsley Avenue, Providence

Slatersville Mill, North Smithfield

Royal Mill, West Warwick

6. National Register of Historic Places

Preliminary Consideration

Shoreby Hill, Jamestown

Ms. Kennedy presented information about Shoreby Hill. Shoreby Hill is a residential development just north of Jamestown village, extending from Conanicus Avenue and the bay shore on the east to North Main Road on the west. The boundaries of Shoreby Hill coincide with the boundaries of the homestead Greene farm (after 1712), and the land was farmed well into the nineteenth century. In 1896 the Jamestown Land Company (St. Louis investors who had summered in Jamestown) purchased the 58-acre Greene Farm near the village. Apart from the original Greene farmhouse, all houses in Shoreby Hill were erected here after 1898. About a dozen of the Shoreby Hill houses were built in the first rush of construction in 1898-99. By 1936, about fifty additional houses had been erected, sited along several curvilinear streets. A number of the buildings were architect-designed.

The nomination study is supported by the Shoreby Neighborhood Association that recognizes the historic and architectural value of the area and is concerned about the demolition of several houses in the last few years. Although some buildings have received alterations and a few new houses have been built, the area appears to retain its historical character.

During discussion, Dr. Onorato noted the significance of the Shoreby development and other Commissioners commended Jamestown residents for initiating this preservation evaluation. On a motion by Mr. Grosvenor, seconded by Dr. Onorato, the Commission unanimously

VOTED preliminary approval for the nomination.

7. There was no other business.

8. Next meeting date: Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer